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NANOPARTICLES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 7-9, 15, 18, 24, 34-36 and cancel claims 14, 16, 22, 23, 25-29, and 31, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.